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## HISTORY OF COMPANIES.

A Small Beginning That Has Grown With Years.

The Officers and Members of Each Company That Compose the El Paso Fire Department at Present.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 1**  
of the El Paso fire department was organized September 10, 1882, in the parlor of the old Grand Central hotel. This company was the origin of the El Paso department.

Among the organizers of this company are some of the first men of this community. John Julian, Charley Pierce, John Dougher, Mr. Carter, Mr. Bates, Mr. Zollars, Tex Wimberly, Louis Tooniges, Paul Katig and Jerry Sullivan.

are said to have been the leading spirits of the organization. Uncle John Julian was the first president and held that position for sixteen years who is considered to be the father of one of the best volunteer departments in the state of Texas.

The present officers and members of this company are:

**OFFICERS.**  
W. H. Watts, president; Jos. H. Nation, vice president; F. H. Springer, secretary; W. F. Hempel, treasurer; D. W. Reckhart, foreman; Joseph

Stelskel, assistant foreman; W. M. McCoy, A. Solby, D. Klein, directors.

**MEMBERS.**  
John Julian, Thos. Hertzman, John Brunner, Ed. Gorbett, Al Stelskel, Fred Logas, John J. O'Neill, Joe. M. Ontiveros, P. McGary, A. Von Baldow, Fred Fenchler, W. R. Morse, H. G. Ross, J. G. Maxwell, Harry Walz, H. Krupp, Sr., H. Krupp, Jr., J. C. Bushong, John T. Roe, Adolph Solomon, Geo. W. Gaennie, August G. Andreas, A. Wolff, F. A. Crammer, John A. Cooney.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 2.**  
El Paso hose company No. 2 was organized June 27, 1883, with C. R. Morehead as its first president and E. A. Stuart as foreman and S. L. Kahn as secretary. C. R. Morehead, M. Ullman and Joseph Magoffin were its first honorary members. On July 2, 1883, C. C. Kiefer was elected assistant foreman.

The following were the members at the organization. E. A. Stuart, C. C. Kiefer, S. L. Kahn, C. T. Jackson, Frank Allen, L. C. Christ, E. G. James, G. Zork, J. H. Mitchell, W. B. Wimberly, C. H. Carney, Henry Spritz, Geo. W. Clark, Geo. Sauer, Z. F. Merrill, G. S. Brower and A. Penkus.

On August 19, 1884, the company re-elected E. A. Stuart as foreman, C. C. Kiefer assistant foreman, S. L. Kahn secretary and G. S. Brower, as president.

The company had been working under many disadvantages and was disbanded on June 2, 1885, and were called to order by Chief Kiefer for reorganization with the following as its officers: Z. F. Merrill, foreman; E. A. Stuart, assistant foreman; A. G. Swain, secretary and Thos German, treasurer.

The following are the officers and members of the company as it is now composed:

**OFFICERS.**  
A. A. Howard, Pres.; J. McKike, vice president; R. Bernauer, foreman; Fred Eicke, assistant foreman; W. T. Hixson, secretary; C. C. Kiefer, treasurer.

**MEMBERS.**  
J. J. Connors, A. A. Howard, John McKike, R. Bernauer, Fred Eicke, W. T. Hixson, C. C. Kiefer, T. J. Holland, W. T. Kitchens, Lee Julian, Fox Grandover, J. R. Salas, C. P. Purcell, Chas. Weber, J. J. Watts, R. E. L. Cross, W. A. Mitchell, J. R. Cordova, J. M. Wheel, J. A. Kennedy, T. C. Jones, C. F. Jones, Phil Haguo, Louis Behr, W. J. Ten Eyck, John Sullivan, Leon Gomez, W. M. Shedd, Gerald Windsor, Geo. Ogden, Ed. Mitchell, H. P. Davies, Wm. Bulger, J. N. Wafer, Chas. Draude, D. D. McCarthy, Phil Smith, Dave Andrews, Frank C. Quiroz, O. M. Jones, E. B. Howley, W. H. Grandover, Ed Ten Eyck, Dill Ritchie, Harry Little, Ed Wales, Chas. Rokahr, 47 members.

**HOSE COMPANY NO. 3.**  
Forestville Hose Company No. 3, was organized October 1st, 1889, and on the 17th of the same month was incorporated into the El Paso Fire Department. The company was raised principally as the result of the efforts of H. F. Stacy and B. E. Major and the roll of charter members was:

H. F. Stacy, B. E. Major, B. B. Shay, C. C. Black, Mike Connerton, L. M. Smith, C. H. Campbell, G. G. Briggs, W. K. Scheffler, Chas. Scheffler, W. M. Taylor.



EL PASO'S PAID DEPARTMENT.

CHAS. WESTBROOKE, Janitor.  
J. M. O'CONNORS, Driver Hooks.

HARRY SHIPLEY, Tillerman.  
JAMES GREAVES, Engineer.

W. A. MITCHELL, Driver Hose.  
JOHN COLLINS, Driver Engine.

The above were elected to fill the unexpired term.

On September 4, 1885, an election was held to elect officers for the ensuing year with the following result: G. S. Brower, foreman; John McEnaney, assistant foreman; A. C. Swain, secretary, and Geo. Kneppler, treasurer.

On November 21, 1884, Mr. J. Fisher Satterthwaite was elected president of the company.

On June 23, 1886, a meeting was called for the election of officers with the following result: C. C. Kiefer, foreman; A. C. Swain, assistant foreman; W. B. Wimberly, secretary; S. L. Kahn, treasurer.

On October 27, 1887, the following officers were elected: C. C. Kiefer, foreman; J. B. Blomberg, assistant foreman; J. L. Hepburn, secretary and S. L. Kahn, treasurer.

On April 20, 1887, F. A. Fritch was elected delegate to the state firemen's convention and T. J. Holland alternate.

El Paso at this convention invited the state firemen to meet here in 1888 and our delegation were successful in having El Paso chosen.

On December 28, 1887, an election was held with the following result: C. C. Kiefer, foreman; C. F. Jones, assistant foreman; A. C. Schutz, secretary and Z. F. Merrill, as treasurer.

March 28, 1888, Nick Harper was elected delegate to the state firemen's convention and T. J. Holland alternate.

Dec. 19, 1888, these officers were elected: L. B. Frudenthal, president; W. M. Yandell, vice-president; C. C. Kiefer, foreman; Z. F. Merrill, assistant foreman; W. G. Stevens, secretary and Nick Harper treasurer; up to this time the foreman presided over all meetings after which the president presided.

On January 19, 1889, Mr. Cross was elected treasurer on account of Mr. Harper leaving the city. On March 21 the company passed a resolution to purchase their own uniform. Mr. Merrill was elected delegate to state firemen's convention and R. E. L. Cross alternate.

On December 18, 1889, R. L. Meyer was elected president and W. M. Yandell, vice; C. C. Kiefer foreman and Z. F. Merrill assistant foreman, Geo. Hutton secretary and R. E. L. Cross treasurer.

Thus the history of Hose company No. 2, ran until the present time. In 1893 the city bought horses and organized a partly paid department and No. 2's were selected as the hose company whose cart was used by the paid department. Since then the company has had a partly pay company with headquarters at the city hall. The old reel hose cart was abandoned this year and a new cart purchased which carries a larger amount of hose and is more convenient for prompt work. The company is now well organized and managed and always does efficient work at fires.

Capt. Jas. H. White was the first president of the company and H. F. Stacy was the first foreman. Mr. Stacy was re-elected foreman for four consecutive years. Many of the charter members of Hose No. 3, are still active members of the company and, though several of them are white-headed grandfathers they are still among the most efficient workers at fires and not many of the young men are more ready to expose themselves to the fatigues and dangers of a long seige at the nozzle or a cold night than are these "Nesters of No. 3."

The membership of No. 3 has never been large, but the active roll has always been made up of men of good judgment and hard workers.

The No. 3's have been of material assistance to the department at all of the large and many of the small fires that have occurred since their organization. The No. 3's won the belt in a wet race test in 1892 and 1900. Many of the No. 3's still claim that they can beat any company in Texas in a wet contest.

Next to a hard fight at a fire Hose Company No. 3 delights in a "big feed" and if any member of the Herald ever hears that they are to give a supper and dance, he is advised to be there, if he has to sell his coat to raise the price of a ticket.

The present officers of No. 3, are: H. F. Stacy, president.  
W. E. Scheffler, foreman.  
George Majors, secretary.  
C. H. Campbell, treasurer.

**JULIAN ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1.**  
A committee appointed by the board of fire directors, consisting of Chief Powers, Messrs. Kiefer, Stacy, Proctor and Edwards, met to organize a fire engine company on January 17, 1893, and decided that the company should be an independent company. Chief Powers presided and J. J. H. Stein was secretary pro tem.

The roll was then read and showed the following names, all active members of other companies, who formed the charter members: Z. F. Merrill, Jas. Greaves, Joe Morehead, Chas. Webber, H. E. Stevenson, A. T. Samworth, R. Keays, J. J. H. Stein.

An election was held with the following results: Z. F. Merrill, foreman; J. J. H. Stein, assistant foreman; H. E. Stevenson, secretary; A. T. Samworth, treasurer; fire directors, C. Webber, Joe Morehead, R. Keays. Foreman Merrill then appointed Jas. Greaves engineer, with A. T. Samworth and R. Keays assistant. The name decided was John Julian Engine Company No. 1.

The roll had been in charge of the department some two months without any organization. The purchasing committee appointed by the council was J. B. Halper, Chas. Slack and E. B. Howley, who composed the fire and water committees.

December 24, 1893, the horses arrived from Kansas City, having been purchased by Mr. J. B. Badger. They were accepted by the council and the company elected Fred Herbert as driver.

On Dec. 28, at an annual election J. B. Badger was elected president, H. M. Patterson, vice president, Z. F. Merrill, foreman; J. J. H. Stein, assistant foreman; H. E. Stevenson, secretary; A. T. Samworth, treasurer.

**Directors.**  
H. E. Stevenson, A. T. Samworth, C. Webber, Jr., R. Keays, W. J. O'Brien, for the year 1894.

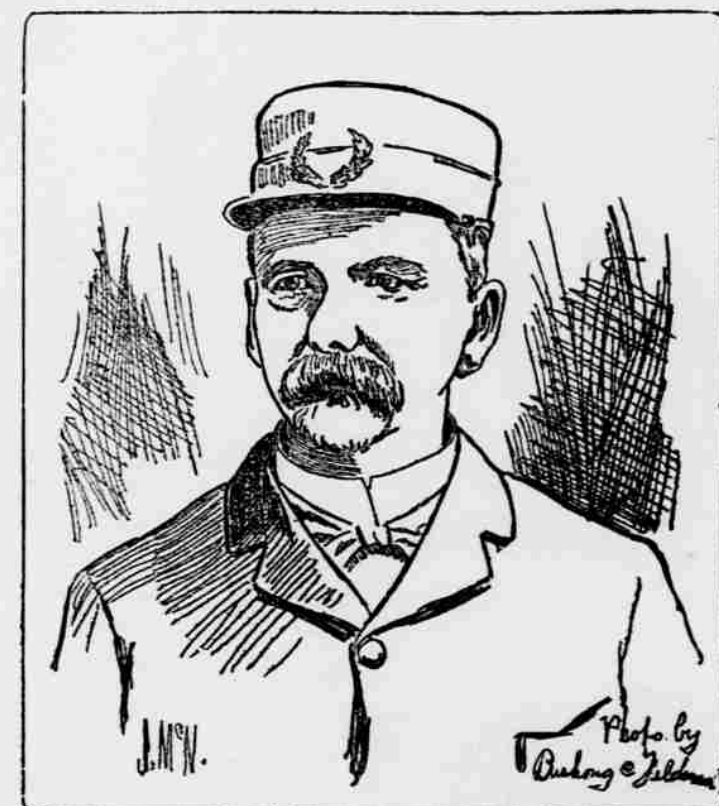
In Mar., 1894, there was a vacancy in the office of foreman, and H. E. Stevenson was elected to fill the unexpired term of Z. F. Merrill and W. J. O'Brien, to fill the assistants position.

December 3, 1894, at their annual election the following officers were elected: J. B. Badger, president; W. Earhart, vice president; H. E. Stevenson, foreman; Jas. Parsons, assistant foreman; D. Y. Hadley, secretary and A. Samworth, treasurer. August 5, owing to a vacancy Jas. Parsons was elected foreman and R. Keays, assistant.

December 2, 1895, annual election, W. Earhart was president; A. K. Albers, vice president; A. T. Samworth, foreman; H. L. Chase, assistant foreman; D. Y. Hadley, secretary; T. Germain, treasurer for the year 1896.

On December 2, 1896, the annual election for the ensuing year was held with the following result:

**OFFICERS.**  
J. B. Badger, president; F. Del Buono, vice president; Horace B. Stevens, foreman; Chas. Krause, assistant foreman; D. Y. Hadley, secretary; A. T.



JOHN JULIAN, EX-PRESIDENT E. P. F. D.



J. B. PAYNE, SECRETARY E. P. F. D.



BOB. BERNAUER, FOREMAN HOSE CO. NO. 2.



STANLEY BEVAN, FOREMAN HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.



HORACE B. STEVENS, FOREMAN JULIAN ENGINE CO. NO. 1.



D. W. RECKHART, FOREMAN HOSE CO. NO. 1.